

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Jones	Spencer	Seidenstricker
Owens	Temples	Mason
Hammond	Selby	Newcomer
Poultney	Quynn	Keppler
Welch of B.	Biser	Waters
Stansbury	Simmons	England
Holmes	Firor	Berry
Long	Sutton	Crabbs
Humphreys	Hope	Bramwell,
Foard	Polk	Mr. Speaker—32.
Heckart	Giles	

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Blackistone	Colston	Bowie
Shaw	Cottman	Bravard
Ridgley	Winder	Spence
Estep	Frazier	Potter
Matthews	Willson	Gaither
Bowling	Sprigg	Price
Risteau	Tuck	Newman
Martin	Maccubbin	Hook—24.

So the said order was laid on the table.

Mr. Polk submitted the following message, which was read and assented to:

*House of Delegates,
February 10th, 1840.*

Gentlemen of the Senate :

We transmit herewith to your honorable body, a bill, entitled, "an act to incorporate the Deer Creek Improving Company," which has been passed by this house, and we beg leave to accompany it with the following passage, contained in the official report made by the State's Geologist to the General Assembly of Maryland:

"There is, however, another project of internal improvement of great and abiding interest to the county, that although apparently local in its benefits, deserves a favorable consideration from the State. One of the most striking features in the physical geography of Harford, is found in the course of the waters of Deer Creek. This unfailing stream takes its rise a little beyond the Pennsylvania line, towards the N. W. extremity of the county.—Its course is S. E. and about midway of its whole length, passes through a gap of Rock Ridge, with a fall of upwards of twenty-five feet, and finally reaches the Susquehanna, two miles north of Port Deposit bridge. Its entire length is little above twenty miles, traversing especially towards its S. W. extremity, some of the very best lands of the county, and affording a vast amount of water power, of which but a small part is so far put to use. The project alluded to above, consists in affording facilities for an easy and cheap transportation in the way that might be found most practical, down the valley of this stream to its junction with the